

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY CONFERENCE ROOM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2006

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CHAIRMAN:	MARION WRIGHT
VICE CHAIR:	JEAN WALLACE MCLEAN
INTERIM ADMINISTRATORS:	MILES HADLEY CARY MCSWAIN
COUNTY ATTORNEY:	DONNIE MCDONALD
COUNCIL:	
JEAN MCLEAN, MICKEY ROGERS, DR. CAROLYN PRINCE, EDMOND BLUE, AND	JEFF QUICK, CORRIE H. PLATO, KEN ALLEN, MARION WRIGHT

* ABSENT

INVOCATION - Mr. Marion Wright, Chairman

PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Fran Willis, Executive Director – Pee Dee Tourism Commission

Ms Willis presented packets with media ads, Visitor's Guide, quarterly calendar of events, and their marketing plan for the year to Council for the Pee Dee Tourism Commission. She advised the Pee Dee Tourism Commission was established 1974 as a legislative act. Under this act were the Counties of Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Lee, Marlboro, Marion and Williamsburg. Most of their Counties are rural with Florence as the Hub of the Pee Dee. Each County has four commissioners recommended by the Legislative Delegation and appointed by the Governor. She advised the Commissioners for Marlboro County currently are Mr. Tommy Bostick, Mr. David McLean, and Mr. Dennis Miller, with one vacancy. She advised that with the industries leaving the small towns Tourism is the way to increase economic impact. Ms. Willis stated that a complete in-depth study was done of South Carolina which recommends that product development in rural SC is imperative. Ms. Willis stated that the Pee Dee Tourism Visitors Center located in the Civic Center at Florence is open seven days a week. She advised they are working on developing an African American

Heritage Trail for the entire Pee Dee. She also encouraged everyone to visit their website. Ms. Willis stated her appreciation to Marlboro County for their funding support.

Ms. Marty Rankin, Chair – Historic Preservation Commission

Ms. Rankin addressed Council giving a brief summary of the Historic Preservation Commission which was established by the Legislature of South Carolina August 1996 by Ordinance # 436. The purpose for the Commission is to establish a group of citizens interested in Historical history. Their function is to serve as an advisory board and to monitor the county's historic buildings: the Jennings Brown House, Museum and it's satellite building, the Murchison Building, and the D.D. McColl House and report their findings to the County Council. Commission members have not been functional in last few years, however, they are now active, informed and ready to function. They now have two committees established to oversee both buildings and grounds of the historic sites in Marlboro County.

It is the Commission's responsibility to insure the grounds are clean and the structures are in good shape. Their goal is to attract visitors to Marlboro County. They plan to be a liason between Council and the needs of the properties. Ms. Rankin advised Council has four members' terms (Districts 1, 4, 7, and 8) which will expire December 31, 2006. There is also a vacancy in District 6 which Mr. Allen is aware of.

Mr. Ronnie Crow, Chair – Marlboro County CTC

Mr. Crow addressed Council concerning a bill for Furr Grading and Paving. He said the CTC is working for the betterment of Marlboro County. He advised he came to straighten out a misunderstanding concerning the paving project in Wallace for paving of a road, the Wallace Fire Department and Rescue Squad parking lot. Mr. Crow stated that Marlboro County had bid the project properly, however, after Mr. Furr, who was the low bidder, inspected the site, he had to do additional work beyond what was initially bid due to the parking lot base being inadequate. Mr. Furr notified him of the situation and Commission member, Joe Coble confirmed the situation. Mr. Crow admitted that he technically probably violated the law, because it was going to cost approximately ten or eleven thousand dollars more to do the project right. Mr. Crow stated that he contacted the other Commission Members by telephone and authorized Furr Grading and Paving to proceed with the additional work.

Mr. Crow advised the job was done correctly resulting in an additional cost of \$11,650, more than what was initially bid. The CTC had Columbia to add the additional costs to the original pin # for the project. Mr. Crow said that the County Administrator correctly said that it was not bid and he (the County Administrator) had no authority to authorize Columbia to pay the additional funds. Mr. Crow said it did not involve County money, but State money. Council advised it is State money set aside to do projects in Marlboro County on the roads. Mr. Crow requested that Council authorize payment for the additional costs and to close out the project.

Mr. Crow advised of another project coming up regarding Blenheim Rural Fire Department. He stated Marlboro County will need to bid the project out, stressing that everything be tested before bidding to prevent running into the same problem – he wants it done right. The Blenheim project on Highway 38 is part of the Blenheim restoration project. Mr. Crow advised he knew the CTC must get Council's approval before doing anything for the Fire Departments.

Mr. Jeff Quick questioned the paving of a dirt road off of Karen Circle (off East Main Street). Mr. Crow advised that before any new roads could be paved they must fall under the guidelines in the County Ordinance on how to qualify roads before bringing them into the County system. The roads must meet the criteria set up by Ordinance. He advised the City must make the request for roads inside City, and the County must make the request for roads in the County.

Mr. Sidney Wallace, Public Works Director advised Karen Circle had been paved. It was corrected by Mr. Edmond Blue that Rivers Circle is the road in question. Mr. Blue was advised that water could not be diverted to other people's property. Mr. Wallace stated that everybody needed to know when the CTC meetings are held – he advised he had been kept out of a lot of meetings. Mr. Crow advised unless it's an emergency meeting, the CTC meetings are held the first Tuesday of every quarter at the City of Bennettsville's Municipal Courtroom. The meetings are held at 7:30 pm in the summer and 5:30 pm during the winter. He has been Chairman since 1995 and never had an executive session – everything has been done in the open. Mr. Ken Allen advised it was Council's opinion that a notice of the meetings should be published in the newspaper out of respect for the citizens of the community. Mr. Crow stated that the Committee is not required to publish notices. Mr. Allen also requested copies of the minutes.

In response to the request for minutes, Mr. Crow advised a form is sent to the Highway Department, and then a letter is sent to Marlboro County from SC DOT with the PIN #.

Mr. Ken Allen advised that he did not consider calling Commission Members by telephone a meeting. Mr. Crow admitted the way he had called the Board members to proceed with the Fire Dept project was not correct, however, he said very few people will bid on County jobs – jobs are too small and he did not want to delay the job. Mr. Crow advised he does not want to lose Mr. Furr's bidding.

Mr. Donnie McDonald, County Attorney asked Mr. Crow to clarify what he was asking for. Mr. Crow advised he was requesting a motion or Ordinance directing the County Administrator to pay the additional funds. He has been advised by the SC Highway Department that once a contract is let, once the pin # is assigned, the State amends the contracts all the time due to the costs and other things that are not known about. He is asking Marlboro County to pay Mr. Furr the balance of what is owed under that contract and close it.

Mr. Miles Hadley, Interim Administrator advised that Marlboro County had originally received three (3) bids for the project and awarded to the lowest bidder which was Furr

Grading and Paving. After the bid was awarded, the bid qualifications were changed with the additional cost of \$11,650 making Furr the high bidder. He advised the County legally cannot pay the additional funds because the bid should have been thrown out and the job should have been re-bid.

Mr. Crow advised he authorized the additional funds because he did not want to delay the job. Mr. Donnie McDonald requested clarification to who changed bid. Mr. Crow advised that he was advised by Mr. Furr that he could not do the job as bid and guarantee it, and it was confirmed by Mr. Joe Coble, a commission member.

Mr. Marion Wright, Chairman asked if there were any more questions by Council Members. Dr. Carolyn Prince responded that she did have a question - she remembered the study where all the roads were evaluated and put on a list with the worse roads put on the top of the list. Mr. Crow stated "No Ma'am". Dr. Prince advised she remembered the study and questioned how the list was constructed. Mr. Crow advised the study was completed on every dirt road in the County and in the City – unpaved roads only. The roads were rated by the number of people living on them at the time, the general condition, and how they rated on a point system so when County or City Council requested the roads, they can look at the study and see if they meet the State criteria for using "C" Funds.

Mr. Crow advised the CTC no longer has the expertise of Mr. Seldon Waters to help when problems may arise. He could advise of drainage or right of way problems. Mr. Sidney Wallace advised he is always available for the CTC to call upon. Mr. Wallace stated that he has been left out of the loop with the notifications and decisions for the previous three to four years. Mr. Miles Hadley, Interim County Administrator advised most of the Cities and Counties he has worked for rely upon County engineers and County Public Works Directors for that information. Mr. Crow advised he was sorry, he did not mean to leave Mr. Wallace out and that Mr. Wallace needs to be at the meetings. Mr. Crow stated he would like to get the situation with Furr Grading and Paving behind them and move forward. He asked Council to address the situation.

Mr. Crow was advised Council would address the issue and advise him of their decision within the next two weeks.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 4, 2006 and October 12, 2006

Dr. Carolyn Prince stated that she had noticed a trend in the minutes of the past two meetings that she wanted to bring forward. She stated it may be an over sight, for example, page five of the October 12th minutes - a standard she had noticed was when a discussion about different things are brought before Council that are on the Agenda, that several Council Members will make comments, however, she noticed that the only comments mentioned have been from one person.

Dr. Prince stated she did not know if it were an over sight or what, but, if we are going to include comments from Council Members, it should be all comments. If someone comes back two or three years later and looks at the minutes, it shows only one person has

something to say, it does not give a clear view of the types of comments and discussions that are made about the issue. She advised the minutes of October 4th have the same thing, she could remember making comments about certain things that are not in the minutes, she could remember Ms. Rogers making comments about the D. D. McColl House – that she use to work in the house, are not in the minutes. She requested that the minutes be a little more inclusive to contain relative comments that any or all Council Members may make from time to time rather than just one person. She stated she did not know whether it was an oversight and how to decide who's comments are put in, but, it should be fair and balanced.

No other comments were made.

Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Ms. Jean McLean for approval of the minutes for October 4, 2006. Vote in Favor: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Ms. Jean McLean , seconded by Mr. Ken Allen for approval of the minutes for October 12, 2006. Vote in Favor: Mr. Edmond Blue, Mr. Ken Allen, Ms. Jean McLean, Dr. Carolyn Prince, Ms. Corrie Plato, and Mr. Marion Wright. Abstain: Ms. Mickey Rogers and Mr. Jeff Quick. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE # 611 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES, WHICH, TOGETHER WITH THE PRIOR YEAR'S CARRYOVER AND OTHER STATE LEVIES AND ANY ADDITIONAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED BY THE MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2006, WILL PROVIDE SUFFICIENT REVENUES FOR THE OPERATIONS OF MARLBORO COUNTY GOVERNMENT DURING THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2006 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2007.

Mr. Miles Hadley advised the millage was reduced to balance increased property values because of the reassessment. He requested Council to approve 77.91 mills which was a reduction from 83.38 from last year. He advised the Debt Service was increased to 5.1 mills because the County has not been able to meet the debt service with the 2 mills which have been in effect for the past few years. The millage for NETC stayed at 3.7 which will provide them with \$240,000 per year. The fire service was reduced from 12 mills to 10 mills. Mr. Donnie McDonald advised of a point of clarification – Debt service on jail was put in the general fund, the mistake has been corrected. Per Mr. Jeff Quick's question as to how much a mill is worth, Mr. Hadley advised a mill is worth approximately 59,711, an increase of approximately eight percent (8%) from last reassessment.

ORDINANCE # 615 – AN ORDINANCE TO AFFIRM ESTABLISHING POLICY RELATIVE TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF RESERVED FIRE PROTECTION AD VALOREM TAX

No discussion was heard.

The Public Hearing was closed.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 611 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES, WHICH, TOGETHER WITH THE PRIOR YEAR'S CARRYOVER AND OTHER STATE LEVIES AND ANY ADDITIONAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED BY THE MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2006, WILL PROVIDE SUFFICIENT REVENUES FOR THE OPERATIONS OF MARLBORO COUNTY GOVERNMENT DURING THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2006 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2007. – THIRD READING

Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince to approve the third reading of Ordinance # 611 – An Ordinance authorizing the levying of Ad Valorem Property Taxes, which, together with the prior year's carryover and other State Levies and any additional amount appropriated by the Marlboro County Council prior to July 1, 2006, will provide sufficient revenues for the operations of Marlboro County Government during the period from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. Vote in Favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE # 615 – AN ORDINANCE TO AFFIRM ESTABLISHING POLICY RELATIVE TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF RESERVED FIRE PROTECTION AD VALOREM TAX AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE # 483 – THIRD READING

Motion made by Ms. Jean McLean, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince to approve the third reading of Ordinance # 615 – An Ordinance to affirm establishing policy relative to the Administration of Reserved Fire Protection Ad Valorem Tax. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 616 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE TRINITY BEHAVIORAL CARE ADVISORY BOARD FOR MARLBORO COUNTY – FIRST READING

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Ms. Mickey Rogers approving the first reading of Ordinance # 616 – An Ordinance establishing the Trinity Behavioral Care Advisory Board for Marlboro County. Vote in Favor: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR ROBERT CECIL KIMERY, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ACTING AS GUARANTOR AND SUSAN ELAINE RIVERS, CLERK TO COUNCIL TO REPLACE ANNA HUBBARD ON WACHOVIA CREDIT CARD ACCOUNT # 5924 WITH A CREDIT LIMIT OF \$10,000 FOR COUNTY BORROWING PURPOSES ONLY.

Council was advised the issue had been resolved and cards had been issued. They were advised the cards were issued with a credit limit of \$7500 and are used to cover Council's expenses for conferences such as accommodations. Dr. Prince questioned when the card would be presented to the incoming County Administrator, Mr. Cecil Kimrey. She was advised he would receive his card December 4th when he began his duties for Marlboro County, and Ms. Susan Rivers has already received hers. Mr. Donnie McDonald clarified that Mr. Cecil Kimrey had to personally guarantee the credit cards.

RESOLUTION # 11-06-01 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MARLBORO COUNTY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER CERTAIN FINANCING DOCUMENTS RELATED TO FLAKEBOARD AMERICA.

Mr. Donnie McDonald stated that he was advised by Mr. Jeremy Cook who represents Flakeboard, that rather than one bank and one loan, Flakeboard wants two. Council had previously provided for only one. He advised that all the documents do is amend everything so they can have two loans in place of one. He has checked over the verbage and they are identical. They are mortgaging their lease hold interest because Marlboro County owns the property technically. This provides two mortgages instead of two.

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Ms. Jean McLean approving Resolution # 11-06-01 – A Resolution authorizing Marlboro County to execute and deliver certain financing documents related to Flakeboard America. Vote in Favor: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION # 11-06-02 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MARLBORO COUNTY TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF McCOLL PROVIDING FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES WITHIN A DESIGNATED UNINCORPORATED AREA OF MARLBORO COUNTY.

Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick, approving Resolution # 11-06-02 – A Resolution authorizing Marlboro County to extend the agreement with the City of McColl providing Fire protection services within a designated unincorporated area of Marlboro County. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE # 617 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE AGREEMENT DATED AS OF (DATE TO BE DETERMINED) BY AND BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND MUSASHI SOUTH CAROLINA, INC. PROVIDING FOR A PAYMENT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAXES – FIRST READING.

Mr. Donnie McDonald made a clarification – Musashi has already made the expansion. Council has already passed the resolution authorizing them to proceed. This was completed in 2005.

Motion made by Ms. Jean McLean, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, approving the first reading of Ordinance # 617 – An Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee agreement dated as of (date to be determined) by and between Marlboro County, South Carolina and Musashi South Carolina, Inc. providing for a payment of a fee in lieu of taxes. Vote in favor: Mr. Edmond Blue, Ms. Mickey Rogers, Mr. Ken Allen, Ms. Jean McLean, Ms. Corrie Plato, and Mr. Marion Wright. Opposed: Dr. Carolyn Prince. Vote: 7/1. Motion Carried.

REQUEST PERMISSION TO ALLOW GROUP OF CHRISTIAN MEN AND WOMEN OF MARLBORO COUNTY TO PLACE A MANGER SCENE AT THEIR EXPENSE ON THE COURT HOUSE SQUARE AT A SPOT DESIGNATED BY MARLBORO COUNTY. THE SCENE WILL CONTAIN BOTH SECULAR AND SACRED SYMBOLS.

Information was included in Council packets. Mr. Donnie McDonald advised he had to state that by the great law case which was appealed to the S.C. Supreme Court, this could be considered unconstitutional – worse thing that could happen would be someone suing the County.

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen, approving the request for permission to allow group of Christian Men and Women of Marlboro County to place a manger scene at their expense on the Court House Square at a spot designated by Marlboro County. The scene will contain both secular and sacred symbols. Vote in favor: Mr. Edmond Blue, Ms. Mickey Rogers, Mr. Ken Allen, Ms. Jean McLean, Ms. Corrie Plato, and Mr. Marion Wright. Abstain: Dr. Carolyn Prince. Vote 7/0/1. Motion Carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mr. Jeff Quick questioned whether the Trinity Behavioral is a public forum or a closed commission – he was requested to ask. He was advised it had to be Public and advisory. It should be open to the Public.

Motion made by Ms. Mickey Rogers, seconded Mr. Jeff Quick to appoint Ms. Vicky Fowler to the Trinity Behavioral Care Advisory Board. Vote in Favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

REPORTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dr. Carolyn Prince questioned the finance branch setting up an account for entities donating monies for the new library, she stated that people need to see where they are putting their donations. She questioned if we are in danger of losing Congressman Spratt's money. She was advised that the funds must be spent before July, 2007.

Mr. Miles Hadley advised the monies are already in a separate account set up especially for the library project. He advised the \$500,000 had not been placed in account yet. Council advised the administrator to put the money in the library account.

Mr. Marion Wright, Chair advised the Library Finance Committee is starting a fund raising drive on three levels: federal, state and local. Concerning the Federal level charity raiser, Ms. Myrna Gaddy has already been spoken to concerning possible fund raising events in Washington or New York. On the State level, Mr. Jim Johnson, retired state librarian has been contacted to help out along with Mr. Don Fowler. On the Local level, the Library Board is trying to establish a kick-off event. Another meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 13th. The Committee is trying to schedule the kick-off campaign around the schedule of Ms. Edelman. Marlboro County Council decided to make the presentation of the \$500,000 commitment from the County at the Kick-off celebration.

Mr. Miles Hadley advised he had received a proposal from Mr. Jim Johnson and it was very reasonable. He also advised the applications with Senator Lindsay Graham's office are not looking good. Dr. Prince suggested contacting Senator Jim Clyburn, was advised he is on the list.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL REPORT – MILES HADLEY, INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Revenue/Expenditure Report – one third of the fiscal year is complete with one third of funds spent.

Rural Infrastructure Grant - received from the SC Department of Commerce for \$80,000 for Economic Development activities, requested to add to agenda for acceptance of grant – no match is required.

Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince, to add an item to the agenda for the Rural Infrastructure Grant. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION # 11-06-03 – A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE MARLBORO MARKETING PLAN – RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT # RIF06350121 FOR MARLBORO COUNTY.

Motion made by Ms. Jean McLean, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato, to approve Resolution # 11-06-03 – A Resolution accepting the Marlboro Marketing Plan – Rural Infrastructure Grant # RIF06350121 for Marlboro County. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Warning systems – applying for funds from left over money from disaster funds for ice storms up-state.

Weyerhaeuser grant application – Three quarter ton emergency response vehicle was applied for through the Weyerhaeuser Foundation – they have already spent all of their money and are not going to issue any more grants since the Company has been bought out. Staff is looking for additional grants to fund the cost of the vehicle.

Plaza Building Roof - . Coastal Roofing has finished the roof of the Plaza Building. They did a good job, however, their boom knocked out the power in the building and tore out the wires. County had to have an emergency PO to have a company come in restore the power. The company sent County a bill for more than \$9000. He contacted Coastal who is looking at it to determine if they will pay or turn into their insurance.

Delinquent Tax Sale – was held on Monday, November 6, 2006 collecting approximately \$100,000. Prior to the sale the Delinquent Tax Office collected approximately \$188,000 in back taxes.

Waste Management – has spoken with Mr. Ken Crutchfield, they will be in Marlboro County November 21st or 22nd to look at properties, will advise Council after inspections.

Veteran's Affairs – County staff is in the process of moving the Veterans Affairs office from the Court House to the D.D. McColl house.

Community pride grant – Bids were placed in the local paper Monday, November 6th, plan to open the bids on November 27th and request a called meeting for approval on Wednesday, November 29th at 5 pm. Council was agreeable.

Executive Session - advised of both an Economic Development Issue and a Personnel matter, requested an executive session.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS' REQUEST TO SPEAK

Mr. Freddie Hodges had one question regarding Transportation Chair's comments concerning advertising meetings – it was his opinion that any meetings concerning funds must be advertised. He stated that until the Mr. Crow's presentation, he never knew when the CTC's meetings were held – the last meeting he attended was three years previously.

Secondly, it appears they only pave what they wish to pave, there are other projects which have been presented to the CTC and nothing has been done. He questioned what they do and talk about in the meetings, and is the appointments for a life time – he thought that committees rotated at a certain time. Mr. Hodges was advised the legislative delegation makes the appointments to the Transportation Committee. Mr. Hodges stated that he believed they should be rotated off and the chair should be changed. He was advised the Transportation Committee works at the discretion of the legislative delegation. Mr. Hodges requested Council to speak with the delegation and find out the term limits, chairman limits, and make sure they are informed that they are suppose to make public announcements when they have meetings. Council members shared Mr. Hodge's opinion.

Dr. Carolyn Prince advised we need to have Mr. Sidney Wallace appointed as an Ex-Officio member, and the City also should have a representative appointed.

Mr. Hodges questioned roads that do not meet standards and that SC DOT will not approve paving, he questioned using the money collected by the County for roads. He advised that although they may not be wide enough for the State to approve paving, people live on the roads in the City and County and stated that the roads should be paved. He advised they do not have to meet State Standards for the City or County to pave them.

Mr. Ken Allen advised that the State provides us with a certain amount of gravel that in which a lot of citizens in the county would appreciate even if they can't get asphalt. Mr. Hodges advised the City also has a problem getting gravel. Mr. Ken Allen stated that a request should be made to double the amount of gravel given. A lot of citizens could be satisfied with the gravel.

Mr. Hodges requested the County get someone back in the position with the County who goes around and looks at overgrown lots and dilapidated houses. He said that his district in the City is mixed with the County, people are coming to him asking him about getting things done to the overgrown lots. He has been talking with Mr. Sidney Wallace, who has been doing what he can. He will fight for the city to help with. The area over near Boro is in bad shape. He asked Council's assistance in cleaning up this area.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Dr. Carolyn Prince thanked Council members for attending the ceremony for Dr. Jonas Kennedy who was present the Palmetto of the State Order. Mr. Marion Wright, Chair stated that it given to a well deserving citizen. It was noted that a lot of people attended.

Mr. Edmond Blue said it has taken four and a half years for the library and he hoped it did not take as long to provide a building for the Sheriff's Office. Mr. Ken Allen advised Council is not the hold up – Ms. Jean McLean stated that Council is waiting on Sheriff to come back with a suitable location. It was noted that Council is committed to helping the Sheriff obtain a new building.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Ms. Corrie, seconded by Ms. Mickey Rogers to enter into Executive Session to discuss both a Personnel and an Economic Development Issue. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Ms. Mickey Rogers, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince to leave Executive Session and reenter open session. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

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Mr. Marion Wright, Chairman advised no decisions had been made, no votes had been taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further discussion. The meeting was adjourned.

(SEAL)

MARION WRIGHT, CHAIRMAN
MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST:

SUSAN E. RIVERS, CLERK
MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Adopted: December 14, 2006